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| For :        | DEVICE FOR ENTERING VALUES      | ) |                            |
|              | WITH A DISPLAY SCREEN           | ) |                            |

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND COVER LETTER  
SUBMITTING AMENDED PAGES OF APPLICATION**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report - Form PCT/IPEA/409 (hereinafter "Report"), which was drawn on pages of description 1 - 9 and the drawings as originally filed, and claims 1 - 10 as filed on October 18, 2000, and which includes, as an Annex, pages containing amended claims 1 - 10 (in German). Also enclosed is an English language translation of the Annex, i.e., amended claims 1 - 10, each of which are identified for the convenience of the Examiner as "Modified Sheet."

Based upon the submission of the English translation of amended claims 1 - 10, Applicants respectfully request examination on the merits of the application containing pages of description 1 - 9 and the drawings, as originally filed, and amended claims 1 - 10